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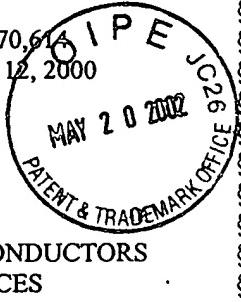
In re Application of:
Fernando Gonzalez et al.

Prior Application Serial No.: 09/570,614
Prior Application Filed: May 12, 2000

Serial No.: Unassigned

Filed: Herewith

For: METHOD FOR FORMING CONDUCTORS
IN SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES



Group Art Unit: 2815

Examiner: Wilson, A.

Atty Docket: MCRO:125--4/FLE
94-0281.04

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| February 22, 2002 | <i>J. Presswood</i> |
| Date | Jennifer Presswood |

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING A DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a Request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/570,614, filed on 05/12/00, entitled METHOD FOR FORMING CONDUCTORS IN SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES in the name of Fernando Gonzalez et al.

The following are enclosed:

1. A true copy of the prior application as originally filed, including a Title page, a 19 page disclosure, 6 pages of claims, a 1 page abstract of the disclosure, 17 sheets of formal drawings, and a Declaration signed by the inventors.
2. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the filing fee as calculated below, less any claims canceled by amendment below, and any additional fees which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 13-3092; Order No. MCRO:125--4/FLE (94-0281.04).
- 3.a. A copy of the Election and Power of Attorney in the prior application.
or
- 3.b. A new Power of Attorney.
4. An Assignment of record for the prior application.
5. Three (3) sets of formal drawings, each set consisting of 17 sheets.
- 6.a. A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed.
or

6.b. _____ A verified statement claiming small entity status was filed in a parent application and small entity status is still proper and desired in this continuing application.

7. X An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.

8. X A Preliminary Amendment.

X Please address all correspondence in connection with this application to Michael G. Fletcher, Fletcher, Yoder & Van Someren, P.O. Box 692289, Houston, Texas 77269-2289; telephone (281) 970-4545.

_____ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

X Cancel in this application original claims 1-17 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims originally filed in the prior application, and any claims canceled or added by amendment.

| CLAIMS | FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | CALCULATIONS |
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| | TOTAL CLAIMS | 43 | - 20 = | 20 | X \$ 18.00 \$ 414.00 |
| | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 3 | - 3 = | 0 | X \$ 84.00 0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (If applicable) | | | | + 260.00 | |
| | | | | BASIC FEE | 740.00 |
| | | | Total of above Calculations = | | 1,154.00 |
| Reduction by $\frac{1}{2}$ for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28.) | | | | \$ | |
| | | | TOTAL = | \$ | 1,154.00 |

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: February 22, 2002


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In re Application of:
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Serial No.: 10/081,915

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING CONDUCTORS
IN SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES



§ Group Art Unit: 2823

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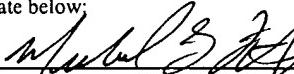
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Sir:

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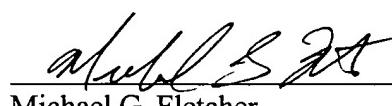

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RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

In Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on April 15, 2002, please find enclosed the following papers: (1) a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application; (2) a copy of the Request for Filing Continuing Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) filed February 22, 2002, which authorized the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 13-3092, Order No. MCRO:125--4/FLE for the filing fee; and (3) seventeen (17) sheets of formal drawings for the above-referenced patent application that have appropriate margins.

Accordingly, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-3092 for the \$1240.00 filing fee as originally instructed. Due to this oversight on the part of the Patent Office, it is not believed that the surcharge of \$130.00 is due.

Respectfully submitted,


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- o The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- o Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$414.
 - \$414 for 23 total claims over 20.
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- o **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1284.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- o Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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